

IX. *An Account of some Roman Coyns found at Clifton near Edlington in Yorkshire. By Mr Ralph Thoresby, F. R. S.*

I Take my self obliged to give you an account of the discovery of some *Roman Coyns*, lately found at *Clifton*, near *Edlington*, the Seat of the Honoured and Obliging *Robert Moleſworth* Esq; from whom I have receiv'd a Noble Present of them ; which is the more valuable, because by his Ingenuity they are so artificially cleared from the Rust they had contracted by lying so many Centuries in the Earth, that they appear little inferiour to what they were when first Minted : They were dug up at the East Entrance of *Clifton* (a Village on the Cliff of the Hill) three miles from *Doncaster*, the *Roman Danum*, where the *Præfectus Equitum Crispianorum* resided, and one from *Cunsbrough*, or *Coningsburgh*, an Ancient Seat of the Kings during the *Saxon Heptarchy*, now belonging to Mr *Cook* of *Norfolk*. They were found so near a Highway, that the Cart-tracks had worn the Earth off the top of the *Urn*, which a Labourer of Mr *Moleſworth's* struck his Pick-Ax into, before he was aware of it : Upon another search, they found another *Theca Nummaria*, both full of Copper Coin ; the haste and scramble of the Workmen to get the supposed Booty (which they hoped might prove as valuable as the Broad Gold found at *Kighley*) made them break in pieces both the Urns, which were large and entire ; the bigger of them might contain two gallons : By the fragments of them they appear to have been of a

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finer Clay than those found at *South Holland* in *Lincolnshire*, mentioned in the *Phil. Transf.* No 279, and the Coins also much better preserved, being in a dryer Soil. Of sixty I bought of those found at *Fleet com. Linc.* there was not one before *Gallienus*, nor after *Quintillus*; and of near 150 of these from *Clifton*, there is not one of an elder or later date; so that both those in *Holland* and these in *Yorkshire*, seem to have been hid in some common Calamity that followed the Death of that short-liv'd Emperor *Quintillus*, who reigned but seventeen days, *An. Dom.* 271. And within six years after, we find that *Probus* the Emperor, upon some Commotions in *Britain*, sent over certain *Vandals* and *Burgundians*, who had invaded *Gaul*, to inhabit *Britain*; upon whose arrival, probably such as had made the Insurrection, might conceal their Treasure; and being slain in the Conflict, it lay hid till now. This I look upon as a more probable Conjecture, than the Persecution of *Dioclesian*, which was not till thirty four years after. These, tho they have not added one Emperor to my Collection, yet have they made a very considerable addition to the Variety of Reverses; so that I have above thirty of *Gallienus*. But not to trouble you with any I had before (as *VICTORIA GERMANICA. VIRTUS GALLIENI AVG. GERMANICVS MAXV. &c.*) I shall only present you with a list of such as were found at *Clifton*. So far as are in Capital Letters are upon the Coyns, the rest are only for explanation.

Reverses of *Gallienus*.

SECVRITAS PERPETUA. PAX AVGVSTI.
 APOLLINI CONSERVATORI AVGVSTI. PVDICITIA.
 LAETITIA. AEQVITAS AVG. AETER-
 NITAS AVG.

LIBERO Patri CONS. AVG. DIANAE CONS. AVG. MARTI PACIFERO. ... P. VII. COS. (Pietas libans) ... S. STATOR; which I take for *Mars*, who is sometimes so stiled as well as *Jupiter*. VICTORIA AETERNA. CONCORDIA.

Salonina. Reverse VESTA.

Posthumus. PAX AVG. P. M. TRP. COS. V. which I take to be remarkable, having not met with any more than the 4th Consulship.

Victorinus. INVICTVS (*typus Solis vel Apollinis*) VIRTVS AVG. PAX. AVG. SALVS AVG. PIETAS AVG.

Tetricus the Father. SALVS AVG. PAX AVG. HILARITAS AVG. VICTORIA AVG. FIDES MILITVM. LAETITIA AVG. SPES PVBLICA. COMES. VIRTVS AVG. COMES AVG.

Tetricus Caesar. SPES PVBLICA. SPES AVGG. PIETAS AVGGustorum.

Claudius. GENIVS EXERCI. LIBERALITAS AVG. VIRTVS AVG. VICTORIA AVG. PAX AVG. FELICITAS TEMPORIS. AEQVITAS AVG. IOVI VICTORI.

Quintillus. PROVIDENTIA AVG. VIRTVS AVG.